Living as Kingdom Citizens in an Uncertain World

2 Kings 2:7-15

Main Idea: In a world often defined by political turmoil and uncertainty, we are called to live as citizens of the eternal Kingdom of God in the temporary world of kings and presidents.

Introduction:

• Living in the "In-Between"

I. God's <u>Faithfulness</u> Transcends Uncertainty

- The Kingdom of God operates on unwavering trust in God's faithfulness.
 - o Deuteronomy 31:6, Lamentations 3:22-23.
- Confidence in God's continued work led to the calm transfer of authority from Elijah to Elisha.
- God's faithfulness is our anchor during personal transitions and societal upheavals.
 - Hebrews 10:23, 2 Peter 3:9.

II. God Writes the <u>True Story</u> of History

- History is a testament to God's faithfulness and redemptive work.
 - o Isaiah 46:10, Daniel 2:21.
- The Bible records both the triumphs and failures of its heroes.
 - o Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, Paul
- Our lives are part of God's grand narrative.
 - o 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

III. True Leadership Flows from God's Spirit

- Leadership in the Kingdom of God is recognized by the presence and power of God's Spirit.
 - 1 Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 61:1
- The parting of the Jordan River was a confirmation of Elisha's leadership.
 - o 2 Kings 2:14
- Impactful leaders may not always have political clout or public recognition.
 - 1 Samuel 16:13; Zechariah 4:6

Action Points: How to Live as Kingdom Citizens in a Divided World

- 1. Trust in God's faithfulness, even in dire circumstances.
- 2. View our lives and events through the lens of God's redemptive story.
- 3. Support leadership anointed by God's Spirit.